

- (2) An implementation plan for the training of citizens and businesses in distressed urban areas.
- (3) The technology and digital literacy training necessary to assist citizens and existing businesses to create new technology-based enterprises in these communities and to use the Internet to enhance the productivity of their businesses.

The e-NC Authority shall, by September 30, 2007, and quarterly thereafter, report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on program development and the evaluation of program activities.

E-NC AUTHORITY/STAGGER COMMISSION MEMBERS TERMS

SECTION 13.16A.(a) G.S. 143B-437.46(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Terms; Commencement; Staggering. – Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, all terms of office shall commence on January 1, 2004. Each January 1, 2008. For purposes of staggering the terms of office, each appointing officer shall designate one appointee to serve a one-year term; one appointee to serve a two-year term; and one appointee to serve a three-year term. Members may serve up to four consecutive one-year terms. The appointing officers shall designate their remaining appointees to serve three-year terms. Members may serve up to two consecutive three-year terms. Upon the expiration of each staggered term, each appointing officer shall appoint a member for a term of three years."

SECTION 13.16A.(b) This section becomes effective January 1, 2008, and applies to appointments commencing on or after that date.

WOW E-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PILOT PROGRAM FUNDS

SECTION 13.17.(a) Of the funds appropriated to the e-NC Authority for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the sum of two hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$290,000) shall be transferred to WOW e-Community Development Corporation (WOW e-CDC) for the Windows on the World Technology Center to establish and implement a two-year pilot program that will enable the Windows on the World Technology Center to become the northeastern North Carolina regional technology resource center for indigent rural low-wealth communities through direct engagement. These funds shall be used as follows:

- (1) \$150,000 for operating expenses of the Windows on the World Technology Center.
- (2) \$100,000 for the following:
 - a. Developing, maintaining, and hosting municipal Web sites and a northeastern North Carolina portal.
 - b. Expanding public access points and digital literacy classes in the northeastern North Carolina Tier I counties.
 - c. Establishing initiatives in indigent communities to create a sense of urgency concerning digital literacy and information technology.
- (3) \$40,000 for operations of the Internet service provider.

These funds shall not revert at the end of each fiscal year but shall remain available until expended for the purposes provided in this subsection.

SECTION 13.17.(b) No funds shall be released by the Office of State Budget and Management to WOW e-CDC until the Office of the State Auditor finds